

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kirk Wagoner, on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 166, 3/13/2017; SB 198, 3/13/2017; SB 199, 3/13/2017

00:00:59 Chair Wagoner

**HEARING ON SB 166**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:24 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 166, Adopt enhanced nurse licensure compact.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:48 Nicole Livanos, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

00:14:15 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a01\)](#)**

00:18:32 Jennifer Buscher, Shodair Children's Hospital

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a02\)](#)**

00:19:30 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick's Hospital

00:21:21 David Noble, Livingston Healthcare

00:22:30 Heather O'Hara, Self

00:25:37 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals

00:26:29 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Hospital; Bozeman Health

00:26:55 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:27:31 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Center

00:28:36 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a03\)](#)**

00:29:29 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

00:29:54 Jackie Boyle, AARP

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:30:33 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a04\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a05\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(huh52a06\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:19 Rep. Pierson

00:42:43 David Noble, Livingston Healthcare

00:43:11 Rep. Pierson

00:43:19 David Noble, Livingston Healthcare

00:43:50 Rep. Pierson

00:43:55 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick Hospital

00:43:59 Rep. Pierson

00:44:04 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick Hospital

00:44:24 Rep. Kelker

00:44:32 Sen. Buttrey

00:44:37 Rep. Kelker

00:44:42 Sen. Buttrey  
00:45:13 Rep. Kelker  
00:45:20 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
00:45:43 Rep. Kelker  
00:45:48 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
00:46:23 Rep. Welch  
00:46:55 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick Hospital  
00:47:22 Rep. Welch  
00:47:39 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick Hospital  
00:48:03 Rep. Sales  
00:48:33 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
00:49:52 Rep. Sales  
00:50:15 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
00:51:07 Rep. Karjala  
00:51:42 Vicky Byrd, MNA  
00:53:13 Rep. Karjala  
00:53:38 Vicky Byrd, MNA  
00:54:24 Rep. Harris  
00:55:18 Nicole Livanos, National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
00:56:15 Rep. Pierson  
00:56:42 David Noble, Livingston Healthcare  
00:56:56 Rep. Pierson  
00:57:16 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System  
00:57:23 Rep. Pierson  
00:57:26 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System  
00:57:34 Rep. Pierson  
00:57:50 Jennifer Buscher, Shodair Children's Hospital  
00:58:07 Rep. Pierson  
00:58:17 Rep. Kelker  
00:58:50 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals  
00:59:15 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
01:00:12 Rep. Kelker  
01:01:19 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
01:01:54 Rep. Sales  
01:02:35 Casey Blumenthal, MHA  
01:03:14 Rep. Pierson  
01:03:33 Vicky Byrd, MNA  
01:04:46 Rep. Pierson  
01:05:04 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Center  
01:05:17 Rep. Pierson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:39 Sen. Buttrey  
01:08:48 Rep. Pierson  
01:09:11 Sen. Buttrey  
01:09:15 Rep. Dunwell joined the meeting  
  
01:09:42 Recess  
01:19:23 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 198****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:19:34 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 198, Establishing requirements for the EPSDT benefit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:23:46 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)

01:25:34 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

**EXHIBIT(huh52a07)**

01:28:18 Jani McCall, Intermountain; Family Support Network; Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

01:29:20 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

01:30:51 Jennifer Rieden, DPHHS , Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:16 Rep. Kelker

01:31:54 Jennifer Rieden, DPHHS

01:32:13 Rep. Kelker

01:32:28 Jennifer Rieden, DPHHS

01:32:40 Rep. Kelker

01:32:54 Duane Preshinger, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:34:14 Rep. Kelker

01:34:47 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:35:54 Rep. Harris

01:36:42 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

01:37:31 Rep. Harris

01:37:58 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

01:38:39 Rep. Harris

01:38:58 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:40:46 Rep. Harris

01:41:00 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:41:08 Rep. Sales

01:41:30 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:42:07 Rep. Welch

01:42:46 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:43:11 Sen. Caferro

01:45:47 Recess

01:51:28 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 199**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:51:45 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 199, Require coverage of habilitative services under the Healthy Montana Kids Plan.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:55:06 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA)

01:56:38 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

01:58:43 Jani McCall, Intermountain; Family Support Network; Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

01:59:54 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach

02:00:20 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA); Billings Clinic

**EXHIBIT(huh52a08)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:01:10 Rep. Mandeville

02:01:39 Sen. Caferro

02:02:15 Rep. Kelker

02:03:03 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

02:03:14 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

02:04:15 Rep. Kelker

02:04:38 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

02:04:54 Rep. Dunwell

02:05:29 Sen. Caferro

02:06:01 Rep. Sales

02:06:31 Sen. Caferro

02:06:30 Rep. Sales

02:06:45 Sen. Caferro

02:07:20 Rep. Usher

02:07:41 Sen. Caferro

02:07:50 Rep. Usher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:08:09 Sen. Caferro

02:09:30 Chair Wagoner

02:10:05 Rep. Ricci

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:11:10

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Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh52aad.pdf](#))